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CITE DIAXX-2 09396 AJJ 68.
SUBJECT: GIANT SCALE
1. THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE, RECEIVED A BRIEFING 29 AUGUST ON THE CURRENT OPERATIONS OF THE SR-71 WHICH INCLUDED AN OPERATIONAL SUMMARY [redacted] TO DATE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AIR STAFF, THE JRC AND DIA WERE PRESENT. 25X1D 25X1D 25X1D

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PLOYED. AIR STAFF REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNED IN THIS ASSESSMENT AND OUTLINED STEPS TAKEN AND PROGRESS MADE IN RESOLVING POSSIBLE PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS WINDOW, VIBRATION ETC.
3. [redacted] WAS CONCERNED THAT AVERAGE GROUND RESOLUTION ACHIEVED OVER NORTH VIETNAM IS NOT QUITE EQUAL TO THAT DEMONSTRATED DURING EXERCISE NICE GIRL AND IS NOT CONVINCED THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT (HAZE, ATMOSPHERIC ATTENUATION ETC.) IS AN OVERRIDING FACTOR. 25X1A
4. INASMUCH AS ROTATION OF THE GIANT SCALE AIRCRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SHORTLY, AN OPPORTUNITY EXISIS TO COMPARE CURRENTLY IMAGERY FLOWN IN CONUS WITH IMAGERY TO BE ACQUIRED OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT SAC FLY A MISSION [redacted] TO BE DEPLOYED UTILIZING A PARTIAL FILM LOAD IN THE [redacted] PROCESS IN G-4L CHEMISTRY AT BEALE AND FORWARD TO NPIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES. TO PRECLUDE ANOMALIES ASSOCIATED WITH SENSORS AND AIRCRAFT, INSURE THAT INITIAL MISSION OVER NVN UTILIZE THE SAME AIRCRAFT [redacted] AS FLOWN IN CONUS. 25X1D 25X1D 25X1D
5. ADDITIONALLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ONE AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO BEALE FROM KADENA FLY A CONUS MISSION UTILIZING PARTIAL FILM LOAD IN THE [redacted] PROCESS AT BEALE IN G-4L AND FORWARDED TO NPIC. 25X1D
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